

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sophia Hicks upon being named a state finalist in the 2017 Doodle 4 Google art competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic and creative excellence, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in their community; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sophia Hicks of Dayton, who was recently named a state finalist in the 2017 Doodle 4 Google art competition; and

WHEREAS, the Doodle 4 Google art competition encourages young people to dream big and untether their artistic imaginations, encouraging ambitious ideas that inspire; and

WHEREAS, Google's 2017 competition challenged young artists to produce a piece of art that contemplated global concepts with curiosity, possibility, and imagination; and

WHEREAS, finalists were chosen based on how well they conveyed the theme "What I see for the future..." while meeting criteria in three categories: artistic merit, creativity, and theme communication; and

WHEREAS, Sophia's doodle "Building Homes, Building Communities, Building Friendships!" depicts housing for all people with the aim of ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, a third-grade student at Dayton City School, Sophia Hicks is one of the fifty-three state and territory finalists selected nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Sophia's tremendous achievement was celebrated on February 23, 2017, at a Dayton City School assembly, where Google officials were also in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Sophia's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Sophia Hicks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Sophia Hicks upon being named a state finalist in the 2017 Doodle 4 Google art competition and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.